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SUBJECT:ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY POSITION AS AUTHORIZED
IN FY-74 TERRORIST AMENDMENT

FOR RSS

REFERENCE: STATE 43940; NAIROBI 2244

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS NAIROBI CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF 2ND RSO POSITION AND MAKE DECISION KNOWN SOONEST FOR REASONS OUTLINED BELOW.
2. SY CONSIDERS ASSIGNMENT OF 2ND RSO TO NAIROBI AS ESSENTIAL TO UPGRADING OF SECURITY FORCE IN EAST AFRICA AS EXPRESSED BY CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF TERRORIST AMENDMENT. IT IS ALSO FELT THAT RECENT EVENTS IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES UNDERSCORES NEED FOR INTENSIVE SECURITY COVERAGE. IN THIS REGARD, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE PRETORIA AREA OF COVERAGE MAY HAVE TO BE REDUCED BECAUSE OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, WHICH WOULD PLACE ADDITIONAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY ON THE NAIROBI RSO. IT IS CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATED THAT THE NAIROBI RSO AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE INCREASED TO INCLUDE COVERAGE OF BLANTYRE AND LUSAKA. THESE AREAS ARE CURRENTLY COVERED BY PRETORIA BUT REACHED ONLY THROUGH NAIROBI.

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3. THE CANDIDATE FOR THE 2ND RSO POSITION IN NAIROBI IS

SCHEDULED FOR ADDITIONAL RSO TRAINING THIS MONTH AND COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT IN LATE AUGUST.

4. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES NAIROBI CONCERN FOR SPACE LIMITATIONS, BUT HOPES THAT THESE MIGHT BE RESOLVED. THE SHARING OF AN OFFICE BY THESE OFFICERS WOULD BE POSSIBLE ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF TRAVEL REQUIRED. IT IS ALSO FELT THAT THE SECRETARIAL POSITION ESTABLISHED IN NAIROBI WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED WITH THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL RSO.

5. PLEASE NOTIFY DEPARTMENT SOONEST AS TO YOUR DECISION SO THAT PLANNING CAN GO FORWARD. ANY SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE WILL BE GIVEN EXPEDITIOUS RESPONSE BY DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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